

Mr. Smith was a great lover of history, music, and museums and was responsible for the development of the nationally recognized Border Folk Festival and the Siglo del Oro Spanish Drama Festival that takes place at the Chamizal National Memorial every year.

Mr. Smith was a Fellow of the Company of Military Historians, corresponding member of the Hispanic Society of America, member of the American Association of Museums and a member of the El Paso County Historical Society (where he received a distinguished service award). He was a respected military historian and loved nothing better than to perform military music for others.

Mr. Smith possessed a true love of nature, culture and history and devoted the majority of his life to the preservation, protection and interpretation of our national heritage. He was a symbol of the mission of the National Park Service and influenced, guided, educated and inspired countless numbers of students to become National Park Service rangers.

His true love was his beautiful wife, Mary Pauline whom he met while working at the Grand Canyon in Arizona. I want to again express my sincere sympathy for her loss. We will truly miss the first Superintendent of the Chamizal National Memorial, Mr. Franklin G. Smith.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND TERRAPINS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, Calvin Coolidge once said that, "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not . . . genius will not . . . education will not . . . Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

Mr. Speaker, the country finds itself on the edge of its seat, waiting with baited breath, as March Madness unfolds. The Final Four is just around the corner, and for the first time in history, the Mighty Maryland Terrapins will be there to show what persistence they've possessed, and what talent they exude.

Words can not possibly describe the poise and teamwork that the Terps exhibit. Their performance is to be applauded; their spirit imitated. What a deep sense of pride they have instilled in all of us for their hard work.

Under the tremendous coaching of Gary Williams, the Terps performance during this tournament has not only exceeded expectations, but has set a new standard for excellence. We can only hope that Terrence Morris mystifies, Steve Blake bolts, Juan Dixon dominates, Lonnie Baxter bounds, and Byron Mouton maneuvers the way they have so far. This will be the fourth meeting between the Terrapins and the Duke University Blue Devils. Each game has been an instant classic, and this contest shall truly be a game for the history books.

I stand before you today, an alumnus of Maryland, with the support of the entire State of Maryland, in praising the mighty Terrapins

team, Coach Gary Williams and Athletic Director Debbie Yow. I encourage all in the Washington metropolitan area to join in saluting the Maryland Terps and wishing them success this weekend in Minneapolis.

Nuthin' but Net, Mr. Speaker . . . FEAR THE TURTLE!!!

A TRIBUTE TO HOWARD P. BERKOWITZ

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my great admiration for Howard P. Berkowitz, a man of extraordinary ability, boundless generosity, and profound commitment to service.

Howard has enjoyed a long and successful career in the field of finance, where his business acumen and managerial skill are widely respected. But it is through his tireless efforts to promote education, improve health care, support the arts, and encourage tolerance that Howard's character is most clearly revealed.

On April 5th, Howard will be honored by the Anti-Defamation League, an organization he has served as National Chair and in a variety of other important capacities. It is fitting that he should be so recognized, because Howard embodies the core values of ADL.

He believes passionately in advancing justice and equality, combating bigotry and anti-Semitism, and helping all men and women treat each other with respect and dignity. Indeed, Howard's truly international reputation has enhanced ADL's global stature and helped bring anti-bias education to every corner of the globe.

At the same time, Howard has devoted considerable time and energy to a range of other worthwhile causes. He founded the Gar Reichman Laboratory at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, while also serving on the Boards of the Stedman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation, the Cancer Research Institute, and the President's Council of Memorial Sloan-Kettering. In each of these roles and others, Howard commands the trust and admiration of all with whom he works.

It is an honor to represent Howard Berkowitz and his family in the Congress. I am pleased to join the chorus of tributes for such a good friend and great human being.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND FILM SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cleveland Film Society. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Cleveland Film Society has enriched and educated our community for generations.

Every year, the Cleveland Film Society sponsors the Cleveland International Film Festival,

which has become one of the premiere cinematic events in the country. Sponsoring over eighty feature films each year, the festival has become an important cultural event for the city of Cleveland. Always consciously working to create a more diverse social climate, the festival has served as a venue for people of all races, sexual orientations, and ethnicities to come together and express themselves. The Cleveland International Film Festival has served not just as a catalyst for tolerance, but also for understanding by providing people with an environment conducive to the intellectual analysis of film and important social issues.

Throughout its 25 years, the Cleveland Film Society has always provided the community with important educational opportunities. Two years ago, they began offering classes to the people of the surrounding neighborhood. Bringing innovative filmmakers to teach the classes, the community has been provided with an amazing educational resource. The society offers many classes from art appreciation to animated design.

Another important service of the Cleveland Film Society is the Cleveland Filmmakers Program. Offering consultation and advocacy services, the program has become an asset to area filmmakers. The program now has more than 300 members who attend meetings, workshops, and seminars.

After 25 years of valuable community service, the Cleveland Film Society has continually proven to be a valuable resource to our community. Providing our neighborhood with wonderful educational opportunities and chances to have dialogues with filmmakers, the society has become an important asset to the Cleveland area. My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the Cleveland Film Society.

THE EMERGENCY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce The Emergency Economic Revitalization Act. The time for Congress to provide taxpayers and our nation's stumbling economy with an infusion by refunding tax revenues is now. In the past, Congress has regularly provided emergency funds for a variety of needs for specific groups suffering economic loss. Following that precedent, it is time that we provide emergency relief for those who bear the brunt of the current ailing economy. They are the same group, who because of this emergency assistance, will have the greatest ability to provide an economic rebound—the taxpayers.

My legislation will provide every single taxpayer, who had a liability in tax year 1999, with a rebate of 5 percent. These refunds will be made this year, making sure that we give individuals and families their own tax funds back as soon as possible. This is the kind of injection into the economy that will make a real difference today.

Waiting until the current economic emergency reaches crisis proportions will be too